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SUBJECT: **TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE THIRD QUARTERLY REPORT**

This is the third quarterly report of the Department of Public Health's (DPH) Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) established by a motion on September 1, 2009 by Supervisor Antonovich.

During the third quarter, the TAC was asked to review a draft document entitled "*Requirements and Procedures for Residential On-Site Potable Well Water Systems Relating to Water Availability and Water Quality.*" The TAC provided input which is being incorporated into a revised draft by Camp, Dresser and McKee, Inc. (CDM), the environmental consulting firm charged with translating technical documents prepared by the DPH Environmental Health Division into a "user-friendly" format.

The monthly meetings for August and September were canceled due to work by Environmental Health and its partners on the following items: a draft ordinance on Non-Conventional Onsite Waste Water Treatment Systems (NOWTS); a feasibility study on hauled water; a report on the requirements and procedures for residential well water; and the establishment of a legal non-conformance process to provide a method of approval where deviations from the Plumbing Code are found to be necessary and allowable per County Code. These projects are expected to be reviewed by the TAC during the fourth quarter.

The fourth quarterly report of the TAC will be provided by January 15, 2011. In the meantime, if you should have any questions, please let me know.

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